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1. IN FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF JULY 12, FONMIN DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL DEPT ISSA AL-HAMAD INDICATED THAT VISIT OF AHMAD SAQQAF TO ADEN HAD NOT BEEN PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE.

2. AL-HAMAD SAID SOUTH YEMENIS REITERATED POSITION THEY WERE ONLY WILLING TO RECEIVE AID FROM RUSSIANS, CHINESE, EAST GERMANS AND CUBANS BECAUSE OF THEIR DESPERATE SITUATION AND THAT IF ARAB STATES WERE WILLING TO PROVIDE THIS AID PDRY WOULD BE GLAD GRADUALLY TO SHIFT ITS RELIANCE TO THEM. AL-HAMAD INDICATED NO FURTHER COMPROMISES BY PDRY IN ADDITION TO STATED WILLINGNESS RECOGNIZE BAHRAIN, QATAR AND UAE. VISIT OF PDRY PRIME MINISTER
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IS STILL POSSIBLE BUT NO DEFINITE DATE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. IF

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SUCH A VISIT DOES TAKE PLACE PRIMIN WILL PROBABLY ASK FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE AND KUWAITIS WILL PROBABLY PRESS FOR MORE REASONABLE STAND VIS-A-VIS OMAN.

3. RE OMAN -- AL-HAMAD SAID REPROT OF OMANI FONMIN'S VISIT TO KUWAIT IN NEAR FUTURE WAS PREMATURE. OMANIS HAD INDICATED THEY WANTED TO CONSIDER COOPERATION AGREEMENTS FURTHER BEFORE SIGNING AND KUWAITIS DO NOT EXPECT ANY ACTION IN ABSENCE OF SULTAN QABOOS.

4. RE KUWAITI AID TO OMAN, AL-HAMAD INDICATED THAT DURING CURRENT GOK 1973-74 FISCAL YEAR ONLY SMALL AMOUNT IN BOARD FOR ARAB SOUTH BUDGET WOULD BE AVAILABLE. NEXT YEAR ASSISTANCE WOULD BE SIMILAR IN MAGNITUDE TO GOK AID TO YEMENS; I.E., ABOUT KD500,000. AL-HAMAD CONFIRMED ALL THIS ASSISTANCE WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS
AND OTHER PROJECTS THAT WOULD BENEFIT PEOPLE DIRECTLY. KUWAIT HAS NO REPT NO PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL SIZEABLE ASSISTANCE AT THIS TIME.
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